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SUBJECT: DOLLAR AREA QUOTAS

REF: (A) LONDON 5827, (B) STATE 91981

1. WE HAVE SECURED APPOINTMENT FOR ECONMIN TO CALL ON PETER WALKER AFTERNOON MAY 24 AT WHICH TIME WE WILL CARRY OUT INSTRUCTION CONTAINED IN REF B.

2. IN MEANTIME, WE HAVE DISCUSSED DAQ PROBLEM WITH M. J. E. FRETWELL, NEW HEAD OF TRADE POLICY DEPARTMENT IN FCO. FRETWELL CONFIRMED OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT TALKS WERE HELD WITH CARIBBEANS MAY 17 AND THAT ANOTHER ROUND IS TO TAKE PLACE ON MAY 24. HE WOULD NOT PROVIDE DETAILS, BUT HE INDICATED THAT BRITISH ARE PRESSING CARIBBEANS AND THAT DURING WEEK OF JUNE 4 BRITISH MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER US SOME CONCESSION ON THE QUOTAS. TIMING IS DICTATED BY FACT THAT FINAL DECISION MUST BE TAKEN AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL AND THAT FOUR- DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND WILL INTERVENE. FRETWELL SAID THAT THIS WILL CONSTITUTE
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BRITISH REPLY TO OUR PROPOSALS AND WILL BE DELIVERED TO
DEPARTMENT BY BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

3. FRETWELL ALSO REPORTED THAT ALTERNATIVES SUGGESTED BY
GATT PANEL (TARIFF QUOTAS, GLOBAL QUOTAS AND " PRISE- EN-
CHARGE") ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO UK FOR A NUMBER OF
REASONS, INCLUDING DIFFICULTY OF ADMINISTRATION. WHILE
FRETWELL AVOIDED DETAILS ON WHAT HE EXPECTS UK TO OFFER
US, HE MENTIONED THAT BANANAS WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED.
THUS, IT APPEARS THAT ANY CONCESSION OFFERED WILL BE
LIMITED TO THOSE COMMODITIES OF GREATEST INTEREST TO US.

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